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Forum Presents Diverse Perspectives to Students

Kimberly Eridon
Staff Writer

"I'm the token radical," Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riano said when the mayor of Dayton, Ohio and three Cedarville University professors discussed integration, Christianity, and politics Tuesday night.

"I came prepared to be bored and do homework, but I must say things got interesting," said sophomore Adam Dyer, who ran the sound board for the forum.

Mayor Mike Turner, Dr. Kevin Sims, Moreno-Riano, and Dr. Frank Jenista participated in a forum co-sponsored by the Cedarville University College Republicans (CUCR) and Tau Delta Kappa (TDK).

The debate centered on the different beliefs and opinions of Moreno-Riano. Occasionally, the responses became lively, but all the participants kept cool heads and wrestled with the issues politely but intensely.

"Conflicting biblical understandings were presented and



Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riano and Dayton mayor Mike Turner discuss opposing viewpoints on Christians in politics. Photo by D. McCoy

discussed in an atmosphere of brotherly tolerance," junior Charis Nims said.

Many students and even panel members said that the forum would not have been nearly as challenging if there had not been

someone with a different opinion on the panel. Turner said, "I appreciate [Dr. Moreno's] position because we have something to discuss."

TDK sponsored the forum because they believe it is impor-

tant to integrate beliefs with life. The forum's program said, "We feel that it's important to know what you believe and why you believe it. We also think that having well thought out opinions and beliefs is not enough. What we

believe must change the way we live."

The CUCR sponsored the event because they are interested in encouraging people to critically think about politics and examine ideas they have not come across before. CUCR president Tim Mohler said, "We hope that this forum provides insights into ways in which we may think and act in a Christian manner toward and within our political system."

For the first hour, the participants answered questions they had received from the moderators the previous week. They each had a two minute time limit for every question, but they were allowed to respond to issues brought up after all four panel members had answered the question.

During the last half-hour, the panel members answered audience questions. Senior Jennifer Secor said, "The questions people asked demonstrated that they were thinking."

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Shifflet Investigates University's Racial Integration

Charlie Shifflet
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series looking at Cedarville University's current initiative to increase African American diversity on campus. This first part looks at the history of the University's struggle with racism from the 1960s into the 1980s. The second part will examine the University's current movement toward increasing racial diversity.

DeMaurice Smith, a 1985 alumnus of Cedarville College, glanced into his P.O. box and removed a sealed envelope con-

taining yet another racist note - the third note he had received since beginning his 1984 campaign for student body president.

Smith read the note and swallowed another "hard dose of reality," recognizing that Cedarville College was not immune to the racist attitudes that had infiltrated almost every avenue of American culture for decades past. While these notes did indeed bring concern and discomfort to Smith, his friends were never more supportive and encouraging than during these confusing times. The student body rallied around him and elected him their president for the 1984-85 academic year - no recounts needed.

Smith now lives near Washington, D.C. and works in the United States Attorney's Office, serving as Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney. Although he would never trade the experiences and growing pains he endured at Cedarville College, his memories indicate that Cedarville was recovering from the segregationist and racist attitudes that plagued the student body and faculty years before.

Dr. J. Murray Murdoch, chair of the department of social sciences and history, has taught at Cedarville for thirty-six years, and is someone whom Smith considers to have been "a voice in the wilderness pushing the envelope on the contentious is-

suues of race and forcing people to confront and discuss the quiet racism that existed" throughout the 60s and into the 80s at Cedarville College during the years of the civil rights movement.

Murdoch's arrival on campus in the 60s immediately immersed him in a cauldron teeming with racist views. "There were faculty members that were racist when I came here," said Murdoch. "I remember [that], after espousing my views one evening, I received a Cedarville College envelope, sealed, [containing] an *Ideals* magazine picture of a white boy and black girl sitting by an autumn scene. On the blond hair of the white boy was written

'Jimmy Murdoch,' on the bonnet of the black girl was written 'Minnie Catfish,'" (the nickname of a female African-American blues singer).

One of the biggest racial issues that pitted Murdoch against other faculty and students was his view on interracial dating and marriage relationships. "I can recall several instances in which I received the ire of parents of students for my 'integrationist views,' promoting interracial marriage and that sort of thing. It wasn't very pretty really. There was a lot of racism that impacted us."

One letter, Murdoch said, was sent by a man whose sister at-
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Letters to the Editor:

Professionalism in Dress . . .

Dear Editor,

I write this in response to Nicole Hanson's letter on dress code. I don't have a problem wearing skirts and dresses but I feel her arguments are flawed.

My biggest concern is quoting scripture on this issue. Sure, the Bible tells us to dress modestly. . . it doesn't say wear a skirt or dress. In fact, I feel that skirts and dresses can be less modest than pants. Walking around Cedarville with the wind and a backpack are not ideal conditions for skirts. It can be very embarrassing when your skirt or slip starts riding up. Girls, you know what I'm talking about, either you walk around holding the skirt down, or you don't realize it until a friend pulls you aside. Plus, if it's modesty we're going for, how come we can change to pants after 4 p.m.

The better argument must be that we wear skirts and dresses to look professional. This is understandable; however, most professional women can wear nice pants. Plus, many girls wear the most comfortable skirt or dress they can find. Is it professional to wear jean skirts with sneakers? How about a long sleeved t-shirt under a polo? The issue is we're not being consistent in a dress code to look professional.

I also have a problem saying that our dress code sets us apart from Central State University. How insulting! I'm not set apart because of what I wear, but because of how I want to live my life. I attend Cedarville University because I believe Christ is my savior, and I want to serve him through my career.

Andrea McCormick

The Travails of Speedbumps . . .

Dear Editor,

Why is Cedarville University seeking to add more speed bumps to campus? First, do speed bumps dramatically reduce the probability of accidents to motorists and pedestrians? The answer is no. There are no studies out today supporting the theory that roads with speed bumps keep motorists and pedestrians safer than roads without speed bumps. On the other hand, there is plenty of research that states speed bumps have less than marginal effects on motorist and pedestrian accidents. Researchers from the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Federal Housing Authority discovered in a 1998 study that streets with speed bumps, even with a decrease in volume and speed, did not show a statistically significant degree of decrease in motorist and pedestrian related accidents. Houston, Texas is a good example of the safety theory of speed bumps. Houston has the largest speed bump program of any major city in America. The motive behind the city's massive speed bump system was safety. However, the truth is that since the program was introduced accidents involving motorists and pedestrians, on speed bumped roads have increased every year. At its best, according to a 1998 study by the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Houston's speed bump program can only hope to save 1 person's life every 400 years. Although that is better than not saving anyone's life, the fact remains that speed bumps and safety are just a theory, not fact. If all the facts point to speed bumps not providing extra safety on campus, why are we installing more of them?

Speed bumps create dangerous situations for emergency vehicles. Delay to emergency response vehicles due to speed bumps could cost someone their life. The trouble with many emergency response vehicles face with speed bumps is twofold. First of all, many emergency vehicles have longer wheel-bases and stiff suspensions yielding high vehicle weights. This forces the emergency vehicle to come to a complete stop to safely maneuver over speed bumps without damaging itself. Second, when patients are in the vehicle and time is of the essence, speed bumps will slow down, jar, and possibly disorientate the patient to the point of complications.

Another negative aspect of speed bumps is automobile damage. There are basically two kinds of automobile damage involved with speed bumps. Sudden and dramatic damage can occur if the driver does not see the bump in the road and they bottom out their car, bust a strut, or break a tie rod due to the extra force exerted on their car. The most disturbing effect of speed bumps on your car is the cumulative effect. Day after day, your shocks, brakes, tires, pedals, engine, and transmission are mercilessly wore down in the name of safety.

We have lost sight of the main problem with cars on campus. The problem is speeding. While I do not think my car will idle, let alone move at the ridiculously slow speed of 15 mph as the signs suggests, I do believe there is no need for people to drive 40 mph down the 400 or so yard street leading to the DMC or any other road on campus for that matter. So instead of wasting my tuition money on traffic measures with little or no real benefits, why don't we all just try to be better drivers and slow down. It will save everyone something in the end.

Kris Holtzclaw

Prosti-pleather . . .

Dear Editor,

We have a plethora of gorgeous women on this campus. My concern is that they sell themselves too short and feel they need to over-accentuate the positive to the point of immodesty. The "fashionable" pleather (plastic that looks like leather) skirts and real leather skirts are immodest. It is sad to me to see the look of the female population of our campus looking less than their modest best. I think we all can tell the difference between a modest long leather skirt and a short, tight leather skirt that is not modest.

On another fashion note, the leather boots that have been nicknamed "prosti-boots" are all over campus. They are Go-Go boots. This look also does not suggest a look of modesty, but rather a sense of allurements.

Though these might be fashionable right now, that does not mean that we as Christian women must submit to the immodest style of the unsaved. We are held to a higher standard, not just because we attend Cedarville, but because we are children of God.

I would ask that the female population of this campus who wear these items would no longer open the door to their brothers in Christ to stumble. You girls are gorgeous, the guys have it hard enough!

Leave the pleather and leather at home, and present yourselves as a living sacrifice to the Lord and not to guys.

Tisha Tapp

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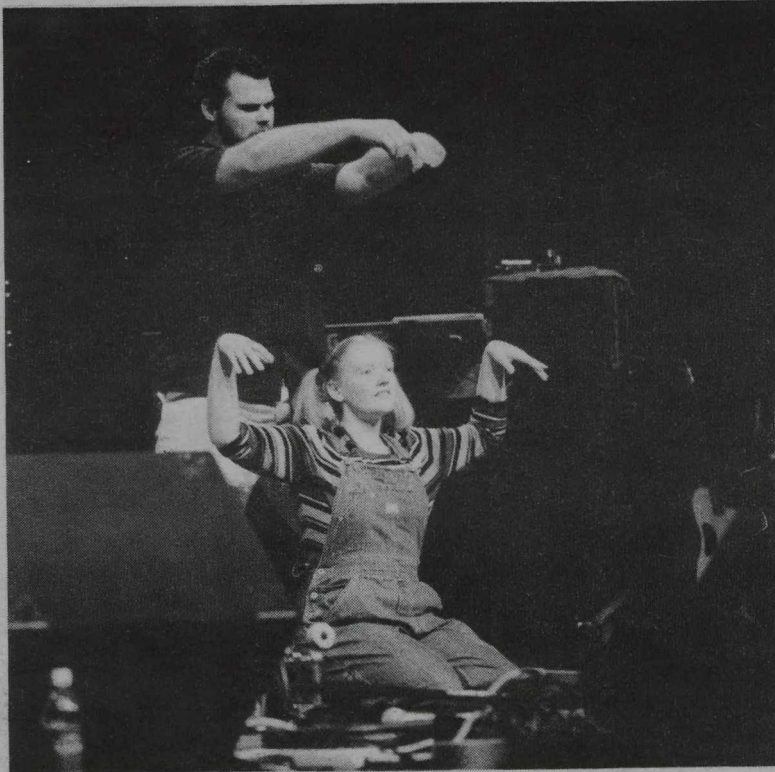
Teenagers Gather for Annual Youth Alive Blowout

Lindsey Wolfe
Contributing Writer

Cedarville University, along with Youth Alive Ministry in Brownsburg, Indiana, sponsored the 2000 Youth Alive Blowout here on campus. On Saturday, Nov. 4, the Dixon Ministry Center was the place to be for Christian junior and senior high school students.

Over 2000 students from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Ohio came with their youth leaders to take part in the event.

The air outside was chilly as vans and buses full of kids arrived on Saturday morning, but inside the DMC, the students were on their feet as Jason and Tim Holdridge, youth leaders from Bellfontaine, Ohio opened the conference with a praise and worship time. Christian artist Scott Krippayne also joined



The drama team, Breakpoint, performed at the Youth Alive Blowout. Photo by D. McCoy

them for a few numbers and displayed his God-given musical ability vocally and at the piano. The group, Solomon's Wish, a

three man band with sounds similar to Burlap to Cashmere, then took the stage, played a concert, and challenged the students

by shouting "How many of you are ready to get a little crazy for Jesus?"

Then came Bill Sampen, a former professional baseball pitcher, to share his testimony of how fame and fortune never satisfied him. "This world has nothing to offer you and I but disappointment," he said to the group. "The hope that Christ has to offer is endless."

Finally, the featured youth speaker, Ken Rudolph, took the rest of the time in session one and began the first of three messages centered around the theme "No Fear" taken from Psalms where David said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?"

The first session lasted until noon, followed by an hour of lunch, another two hour session in a similar format, another hour-long break, and then the third and final session from 4:00-6:15 p.m.

The second and third sessions also included thought-provoking and humorous dramatic performances from Cedarville's Lifeline Players, and Breakpoint, a drama team from Cornerstone University.

Each session ended with an invitation for contemplation and decision-making. By the end of the day, a total of 16 students received Christ with many other students making life-changing decisions.

Mike Baker, a youth leader from Vermontville Bible Church in Michigan said that Ken Rudolph was "very enjoyable and easy to listen to. He holds your attention well."

"I loved Solomon's Wish!" said Ashley Yager, also from Vermontville, MI.

Josh Potter, 14, from Southgate Church in Springfield, Ohio summed up his feelings for the day by saying, "It's been fun!"

BARA Encourages Students to Pursue Creativity

Rob Moll
Mithrandir

Since the Reformation, Protestant Christianity has, to a great extent, neglected the arts. Cedarville University has begun to step up its efforts to make students more artistically aware with a new theatre major, and with BARA, the student art club. BARA is Hebrew for "to create."

At the end of last year, the art club voted to become an academic organization. They also have a new faculty advisor, Professor of Art, Terry Chamberlain. Under the department of music, the club has an opportunity "to coordinate philosophically and enhance the program," said Chamberlain.

BARA is heading in a different direction than it has been in the past years. The club's president, sophomore Michael Minahan, said, "The art club has been about art but not producing art." This year, the club will focus on creating quality artwork. Vice president, junior Amiee Arimura said, "Hope-

fully the club will be an encouragement to people to express themselves artistically."

The club wants to produce quality art to display at their annual spring art show. Chamberlain said that in past years the show has been weak, and that BARA wanted to help its members work on high-quality pieces for the show. "We'd like to be more selective [with the show]," said Chamberlain.

In order to help art club members with their work, the club is offering workshops. Chamberlain will lead the workshops, which will continue throughout the year progressing from basic drawing to more complex elements of style. Students will be able to work on specific areas of their artwork and receive criticism from Chamberlain and other students.

Studio space is available in the Fine Arts building for student artists to work. The Fine Arts building, located on Main Street is out of the way of distractions, providing an ideal atmosphere for the creative process. Arimura said, "We are try-

ing to give people a place to develop their art—encourage them to practice outside of class."

Producing art is only one of four objectives BARA has for its members. Chamberlain said that the club also wants to attend galleries and museums, invite guest speakers and lecturers, and find outreach opportunities.

Recently, the club went to Dayton's Loft Theatre to see the play, *Art*. Arimura said, "It was a discussion of what art is and its place in personal life." The play questioned whether art should be above personal relationships, and it gave the club an opportunity to consider how art affects their individual lives. "Art shouldn't be greater than life," said Arimura. "Art is about life."

Minahan is excited to see an increased emphasis on the arts at Cedarville. He took a painting course last spring with Dr. Charles Clevenger, in which he learned ways to improve his craft. "I learned a lot in that class," he said. "I find satisfaction in looking at a blank can-

vas and in a few days or weeks have something that is mine."

Despite an increased artistic awareness on campus, BARA is fighting an uphill battle. Minahan, who has been painting since elementary school said, "Cedarville has a weak appreciation for the arts. Students have a tendency to lump the arts together." Minahan said that because the school has a music program and just developed a new theatre major, students think that it has a great art program. "Their traditional background leaves students uneducated about the arts," said Minahan. Students are ignorant and apathetic about the arts, he said.

Senior mechanical engineering major, Dan Gullledge agrees. "The University does a great job getting musical artists to come, though performances are poorly attended, but students have no appreciation for the visual arts."

"Students interested in art don't come here because we don't have an art program," Minahan said. "We will not have quality art students without an art major. Cedarville University emits the sense in people that we are a fully developed liberal arts institution, but without an art major we are not," he said.

Currently, the school has an art minor and intends to add a major. The BARA art club will help serve future art students.

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Murdoch Stands with Jeremiah's Help

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tended Cedarville in 1977. It was addressed to Donald Rickard, then the dean of men, and asked for Murdoch's removal due to his integrationist views. It read, "I am writing this letter to inform you of a very grave situation which exists at your school. . . I am so distressed that interracial dating and socialization is being encouraged at your school. . . the most liberal of the GARBC (General Association of Regular Baptist Churches) [approved] schools."

The letter continued, "Nature itself teaches me that whites and blacks are not to intermingle. I have yet to see a sparrow mate with a starling, or a blue-jay mate with a cardinal. . . You have a moral obligation to my family as brothers in Christ to [teach] the young people from our churches (GARBC) the Bible the way we believe it. . . If interracial marriage meets his approval, then he should not be teaching a class which will maneuver the impressionable minds of our beloved young people. . . I believe, brother Rickard, if you are the scriptural leader you ought to be, that you should dismiss this Professor Murdoch from the staff of

Cedarville College immediately."

The writer capped his letter with a rather "bruising" statement: "I am thankful that God has committed all judgement to the Son. He has also promised that he will not allow us to be tempted above that which we are able and will provide a way of escape. In this case, he has separated me from brother Murdoch by many miles, or I would be tempted to bruise this loathsome reptile's head."

Murdoch emphasizes that the administration did offer him complete support when accusations arose. "I found under Dr. Jeremiah's administration a complete support for me when people accused me of this or that because of my views on race."

However, as Murdoch recalls, the college policy on interracial dating at the time "required the members of minority groups to have the permission of all four parents' consent before they could date [whites]. Yet, there was no rule against dating a townie who might be unregenerate, which I always found kind of curious. But that, I think, was a part of the culture of the day."

Unfortunately, most institutions and churches allowed the culture of the day to shape their

theology. Bob Jones University fought seemingly endless legal battles with the U.S. government throughout the early to middle seventies, and did not begin accepting applications from black students until 1971. Only within the last year did Bob Jones University retract its policy restricting interracial dating, thanks to a flurry of media attention after GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush spoke at the university early in his campaign.

Even traditional, Christian churches boarded the racist bandwagon that swept the country. Murdoch remembers Christians calling Martin Luther King, Jr. a communist and, thus, discounting his theology as liberal. These inaccurate characterizations of King became "a convenient way of denying rights to a significant segment of our population because of their color."

"[It] is not that the Christian community was *more* racist than anyone else, but that they were *as* racist as anyone else," said Murdoch. "The light of the gospel of Jesus Christ had not led to the integration of peoples. My whole generation was raised on the notion that racism was appropriate."

The attitudes of many in the Christian community slowly began to change in the middle to late 70s. Cedarville College's African-American acceptance evolved as new faculty came

and as other faculty left. However, the process has been slow, and as Murdoch acknowledges, there is still "a long way to go."

Smith believes the way could have been a lot shorter had the Christian community lived like Christ during the years of segregation and racism, offering hope, love, and support for the blacks being oppressed, mistreated, and ignored. Yet, Smith also is encouraged by the church's maturity and increasing desire to recognize the importance and equality of the African Americans.

Smith believes the church and other Christian institutions, like his alma mater, Cedarville University, still have the opportunity to take the initiative to further eradicate the racist "cancer" that still exists today. "You cannot tolerate racism at all — in public or in private. It's a cancer to the community," said Smith. "We all profess to be children of God, and no one can be true to that calling while failing to recognize that your brothers and sisters have the same status, equality, and value."

Although today's racism might exist mostly in the form of a sarcastic racist remark from the pulpit or in an unfair generalization in private conversation, Smith believes Christians must speak up boldly and stop it from perpetuating. He said, "If people hear it and do nothing about it, [they] are allowing the cancer to grow."

Middle East Commentary

Cara Snider
and Brett Carmichael
Hooligans

This past week the crisis in the Middle East faded into the background. It is unfortunate that the monumental affairs seem to be going unnoticed, and the reports of Palestinian and Israeli deaths are becoming commonplace. It is this familiarity that we citizens must fight due to the severity of the crisis. Peace talks have failed countless times, our country is somewhat unstable due to the election, and countries in the Middle East are gaining sophisticated nuclear capabilities. A touchy situation in Israel could result in difficult times for the United States.

The U.S. has promised to get more involved in the peace negotiations, and sent Secretary of Defense William Cohen to consult with leaders in the region, but it is debatable whether or not our country's interference will help the Israelis, or simply deepen the animosity between the Palestinian nations and the U.S.

It is unfortunate that some Christians automatically take the side of the Israelis when they have inflicted as much, if not more, violence as the Palestinians. Most Christians who take the side of Israel, do so because they believe the Israelis have a rightful claim to the disputed land because they are the chosen descendents of Abraham. However, in the past seven weeks of fighting, conflicts have resulted in the deaths of about 220 people. In nearly 90 percent of these skirmishes Israeli forces killed Palestinians.

The U.S. should have learned its lesson after experiencing three previous incidents that remarkably resemble the present situation. In each case, boundaries determined by victorious Western powers have caused disputes over ethnic homelands. World War II, and the Korean, and Vietnam conflicts were all products of outside interference. This situation could prove to have similar results. Still, the U.S. insists it is helping and continually guarantees that peace will prevail — an interesting claim in light of history.

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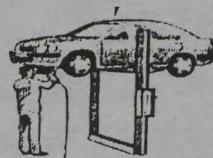
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Musical Review



An actress greets the crowd in character during intermission. Photo by D. McCoy

Gina Band

Contributing Writer

Grandparents and students alike enjoyed the production of "Smoke on the Mountain," the first drama performed in the new Stevens Student Center Theatre. This musical brought laughter from the audience members as Cedarville thespians portrayed parishioners in a country Baptist church during the Great Depression.

Senior Vanessa Baker played the role of sign linguist June Sanders, a musically disinclined child of the traveling Sanders family act. Her artful interpretation of gospel hymns left audiences laughing. Sophomore Ryan Culpepper played Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe realistically acting out this back woods preacher. Each Sanders

family member gave personal testimony to some strange incidents.

The play seemed to be an ideal choice for Grandparents Weekend. "It was enlightening, fun, and entertaining," said Dick Winkler from Fond du Lac, WI, grandfather of junior Adam Henker. The play re-enacts a typical Sunday service in a "progressive" Baptist church, where a fiddle brought by the Sanders family is potential bait for controversy. The musical depicted scenes in which Christians could laugh at themselves.

"It was delightfully uplifting. My family and I enjoyed the opportunity to laugh at the Christian stereotype while being reminded that God is interested with what is in our heart, not how well we follow the rules," said junior Ken Mansfield.

Cedar Faces

James Rinaldi

Operations Manager, Custodial Services

How long have you been employed at Cedarville University? I just finished my sixth year.

What details does your job entail? I'm in charge of the day to day operations of the custodial service department. . . pretty much anything to do with set up or clean up.

How did you meet your wife? I got married to a girl from my hometown in Vermont just two weeks before I started working at Cedarville. We met on the ice skating rink - I worked for the fire department and would come to the rink and flood it during the winter and she would often be there skating.

Do you have any children? We have a baby daughter named Ryanne Noelle - she's almost four months old. She's the highlight of our lives and has us both wrapped around her finger.

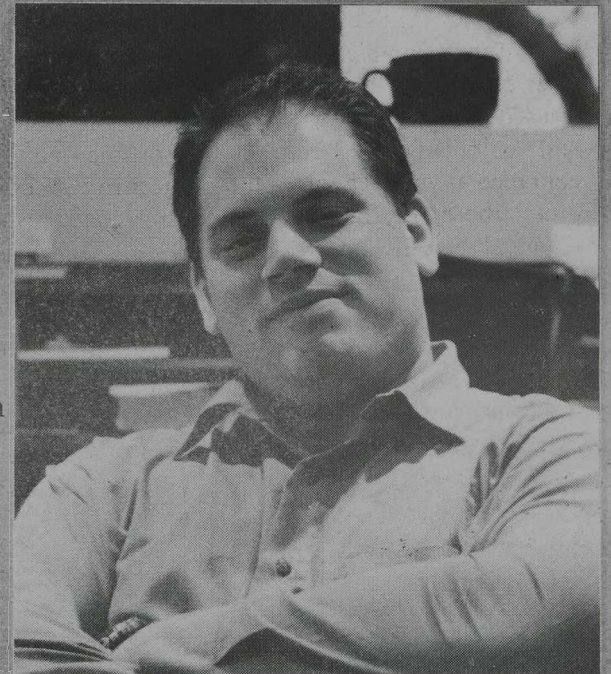
Do you have any domesticated beasts living in your home? We have two cats: Earl and Betsy.

Name the book that you consider most enjoyable: Of course, the Bible; I also enjoy reading the magazine Dirt Rider, I'm heavily into dirt bikes.

What are two things that are always found in your refrigerator? We always have milk and lunch meat.

Name the world event that has most impacted your life: When the Wall came down in Germany. It opened my eyes to how powerful God is.

If you had the option of being transported anywhere in the world, where would you go? I've always wanted to go to Alaska. I've often wished that I was around during the evolution of the frontier. . . Alaska is kind of the last frontier.



What is your favorite phrase? "What's up with that?"

What animal do you consider yourself most similar to? I'd have to say a cat. They're somewhat even-tempered, it takes a lot to make them mad, but when they do. . . you had better watch out.

In your opinion, what is the best movie of all time? Without a doubt, Dances With Wolves.

Do you have any hobbies? I love to golf, camp and go dirt bike riding.

If you were scheduled to sing in chapel, what song would you perform? I would mime something, because I have an awful voice.

What is your most embarrassing moment? When I was seventeen, my mom convinced me to dress as a woman for a harvest party. They still have a picture of me sitting on my principal's lap - kissing him on the cheek.

Name one long-term goal that you have for your life: My goals really revolve around my family. It is my goal to bring my daughter up in a good Christian home.

If you could ask Dr. Dixon one question, what would it be? I would be interested in knowing how he got saved.

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Election Leaves Students Dazed and Confused

Nicole Carpenter
Contributing Writer

All across the nation, Americans wait to see who will be the next President of the United States. Cedarville University is just a small percentage of those who wait, but they are just as eager to know the outcome.

On Election Day, the College Republicans sponsored the Election Bash. Throughout the evening, students sat at tables and on the floor of the Stevens Center event rooms working on homework and talking to friends. Some students took frustration out on a piñata shaped like a donkey. Not many wanted to participate in the game pin the tail on the elephant. Even a few faculty members joined the crowd. But all eyes went to the large screens when the networks began predicting which presidential candidate would take certain states. Cheers and boos erupted depending on which face flashed on the screen.

Eric Carroll, a freshman middle childhood education major, was following the results on a map. Using colored pencils, he colored in the states in corre-



A typical dorm room scene throughout election night. Photo by D. McCoy.

spondence to what was showing on the major television networks: red for Bush and blue for Gore. Dr. Kevin Sims, Carroll's geography professor passed out the state maps with the electoral votes printed on them for the students to keep track. "Dr. Sims said it would be a good idea for us to do this," said Carroll.

Chris Risheill, senior multimedia major, discussed with

those around him the role media possibly played in the outcome. "The media will put up anything. People in a different time zone could see who was supposedly winning, hurry to their poles, and vote to try to have their favorite candidate win. The media is putting too much hype into this and not looking at things carefully," said Risheill.

This was all said before the election took an important turn. The major news networks predicted that Gore would win Florida, a state with many electoral votes. By 10:30, the decision had been changed and Florida was considered "too close to call." Other states came to decisions during the night, but Florida seemed to hang in the balance.

Later on that evening, in the McKinney dorm, a small group of girls gathered in the television lounge. They wanted to know what was going on, like many others that night who had also gathered around televisions, radios and computers. There was lots of sitting and waiting as commentators tried to predict what would happen. No one knew.

In the early hours of the morning, a shout came from another part of campus and the girls in the lounge quickly knew something had happened. Then, across the screen came the news: Bush had won in Florida and would take the election with the 271 votes from the Electoral College, one more than the 270 needed. Many went to bed that

night thinking Bush was the President-elect. Kristin Schierloh, a senior Elementary education major said, "I was relieved Bush won. I can finally go to bed. All I wanted to hear was some kind of closure on the election."

The morning brought different news. As students awoke, they found out what much of the nation already knew, Bush was not the president. In a simple manner, Vanessa Gilliam, a senior applied psychology major, summarized the events on her dry-write board, "Bush hasn't won yet!! 1,200 votes differ and Florida calls for a recount!"

Florida has recounted the votes as called for by a state law, but the final decision will not be known until Nov. 17 because the state must wait for a number of absentee ballots to come in. Other controversies have been brought up in the state including lost ballots boxes and confusing ballots.

Until then, students, faculty, and staff are often found with their eyes glued to the televisions in the Stevens Student Center waiting for an answer to all that is happening.

Career Services Ready to Help Undeclared Majors

Nicole Scott
Paulette Bunyan

Every year roughly 100 Cedarville University students list themselves as undeclared majors. Freshmen, sophomores, and even a few juniors make up this group of undeclared students, but not all for the same reasons.

Fran Campbell, a staff member for academic services said, "Many students choose to be undeclared for reasons other than not knowing what they want to do. Some simply have so many interests it is hard for them to choose one major."

Whatever the reasons for being undeclared, Cedarville students find a number of programs offered by the career services, academic services, and the counseling offices to help them pin-

point areas of interest and decide on a major.

The career services office now offers a test called Career Direct, to help students decide, according to Noella Kleis, a staff member in the office. Cedarville began requiring all new students to take the test last year. "This year, 692 new students took the Career Direct test. We are still trying to get a hold of those students who did not, and especially those students who are still undeclared," said Kleis.

The counseling services office also offers the Meyers Briggs test to all students online. Students can find the test by going to the school's homepage, clicking on Offices, then Counseling and following the simple directions. The Meyers Briggs test helps students choose a major by highlighting aspects of their per-

sonality and leading them in a more definite direction. Freshman Jonathan Kempe said the Meyers Briggs test was "surprisingly accurate. It helped me realize things about me that I was not sure about."

On March 28, 2000, career services, academic services and the counseling offices combined efforts to host an event called "Forging Through the Jungle." The event focused on helping undeclared students talk with faculty and students within each major. The three offices are planning a similar event for this year, scheduled to take place on Jan. 25, 2001.

Beyond these tests and events, academic services seeks to help undeclared students by assigning them advisors who will help them make good choices early on in their college careers.

Campbell said that academic service's "priority is to make sure these advisors are clear on the general education program. We have been working on setting up a meeting for the undeclared advisors to help them know how to interpret the Career Direct test results so they can help their advisees."

Academic services assigns faculty or staff advisors who enjoy working with students, Campbell said. "It is important for the advisors to be friends with their advisees and to help them make course selection that will work for a number of majors. They try to help the students find the areas they are gifted in," Campbell said.

In addition to the help that these offices provide students, it is important that each student seek out faculty and staff mem-

bers' advice. The offices are there to help, but it is virtually impossible for them to keep up with all of the students in the university.

Some students choose to look into various majors to see what they have to offer them in way of course selection and career path. Other students choose to see their advisor regularly, like freshman Jennifer Chmielewski, who said that both of the advisors she has had "have been extremely helpful and encouraging. Both of my advisors have said I can come talk to them any time in order to help me decide." Still others have decided to find their career path on their own and not seek the help of their advisor. Sophomore Kelly Pummell said she only sees her advisor for registration but that she has been helpful.

Panel Discusses Christians, Politics

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"We want to give people a chance to 'think Christianly' about what they believe and why they believe it in the realm of Christianity and political involvement," TDK's program note said. "We want to encourage them to create a truly Christian worldview that encompasses every area of life, to try to get rid of the disparity that we sometimes see between faith and life, and, in this particular forum's case, to integrate their political views with their Christian faith."

Mohler said, "I believe that it's important for the College Republicans to challenge people to be responsible politically not only during an election, but also through prayer and communication with elected representatives all the time. However, I must agree with Dr. Moreno that a Christian's first calling and the way he can most influence his culture is by spreading the gospel."

The forum gave students much to think about. Freshman Courtney Love said, "It expanded my critical thinking in respect to Christian involvement in politics."

TDK is an organization open to members of the honors program at Cedarville University. It exists to help honors program

members get to know one another outside the classroom and to show how the lessons learned in the classroom can be applied to life outside the academic doors. They also wish to share this lesson with the CU family.

Secor, a TDK member, said, "I think the thing I enjoyed most about the forum was that it gave us college students the opportunity to hear the thoughts of and interact with people who have not only thought about what they believe, but who have lived it in such varied circumstances. We can think and discuss amongst ourselves, but these men have seen more of life than we have, and I appreciate their willingness to share what they have learned with us."

Co-moderator Sam Logan, a senior, said, "I thought the forum provided an excellent opportunity for students to encounter different views of Christians in politics. It was interesting to see how the theoretical beliefs of each panel member were manifested through practical action. As Christians, each of us must make a choice about the level and nature of our involvement in politics."

Logan said, "The ideas presented at this forum will be instrumental in molding my personal decisions for years to come."

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Student Faces

Louis Yaklich

*Freshman Biology and History
Major*

Why Biology and History?

I would like to work someday in the fields of paleontology and archeology.

What sparked your interest in these fields?

I became interested through reading books and watching television specials as a child.

Who are the members of your family?

My mother is Cheryl, and my father is Lewis Yaklich Jr. I have a sixteen-year-old brother, Micah. We're pretty good friends. He recently played in a regional soccer tournament, and he makes great chocolate chip cookies!

How easy is it for you to talk about being in a wheelchair?

Pretty easy. It's [because of] a hereditary disease called Friedreich's Ataxia, and it's progressive. I was born with it, but it gets worse and worse as time goes on. It destroys the synapses in the cerebellum, slowing reaction time. Before I was 14, I walked and ran like other boys my age.

What makes you get up in the mornings?

To live a life for God. That's probably the main reason I'm alive and keep going.

Will your condition grow worse?

It might. It probably will. It depends on how well I stay active. I do half an hour of physical therapy every day, [including both] walking and resistance training.

Favorite Movie?

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.



What are the most significant attributes of God to you?

The amount of grace, mercy, and peace he has, and just his power and how he decides to use it.

How did you feel when you had to begin using a wheelchair?

At peace. We were prepared.

Who was one of the most influential people in your life and why?

The Reverend Doyle Payton, the pastor of my church for eight years. We had a lot of interesting conversations, and he taught me about [true] kindness.

Favorite book?

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea.

Something you're good at?

Telling stories.

Favorite season and why?

Spring. Things that have been hibernating or dormant for a time seem to come back to life, and it's the season of Resurrection Sunday."

Favorite Animal?

Komodo dragon.

Engineers go to France for Cultural Experiences

Kimberly Eridon
Staff Writer

Some people think that engineers do not have any fun. They are always studying, overloading on credit hours, and losing sleep from too many late nights. Aaron Roth and Jeremy Bossard know differently.

Roth and Bossard, both juniors, traveled to France this summer to attend the Third European Summer Automotive Engineering University at the University of Technology of Belfort-Montbéliard. This five week program brings students from all over the world to study engineering, travel, and learn about international management while experiencing a foreign country.

Cost was not a factor for these two CU students because they received grants that covered air fair, eurorail passes, tuition, and international student IDs. The

students paid for room, board, and some travel expenses.

Belfort is located near France's borders with Germany and Switzerland. Roth and Bossard visited places such as Lucern, Switzerland; Cannes, Strasbourg, and Paris, France; Florence and Rome, Italy; Berlin and Hanover, Germany; and London, England.

This program is open to juniors and seniors in automotive and mechanical engineering. Bossard said, "The focus of the program is learning how various cultures handle business and management differently. As future engineers, we will be faced with other cultures. Although those cultures may not be French, we learned the importance of understanding an employee's cultural background in managing him or her."

Both Roth and Bossard participated because they wanted to experience another culture. "I

wanted to see Europe as well as get an idea of how other cultures deal with things. Not only engineering things but everyday life as well," Roth said.

They both highly recommend the program. "This trip was especially beneficial to me because I have an internship opportunity lined up in Germany next summer with a contact I made this summer in France," Bossard said. "It's actually an excellent chance to make contacts."

Roth said, "I have learned how limited my own experience in America is. It is very humbling to recognize that I don't speak any foreign languages, whereas some of the European students were able to speak several languages fluently. It also opened my eyes to the differences in cultures around the world. We as Americans are so isolated from other cultures that we really have no appreciation for how other countries and people do things."

One small highlight of the trip was the food. Bossard and Roth both agreed that it was wonderful. Bossard said, "Chuck doesn't have to feel too bad, though. European food put my mom's cooking to shame."

The two students shared one particularly vivid adventure during their trip. "On the way back to France from Florence, we almost got stuck for one extra day," Roth said. "We hopped on a train from Florence to Milan where we were going to catch another train to Belfort. Well, we got on a Eurostar [train], which we thought was covered by our Europasses, but it needed an extra endorsement. So, the conductor asked for us to pay for the remainder. We had French Francs, Swiss Francs, German Deutschmarks, and even American dollars, but we didn't have Lira [Italian currency], so he kicked us off in Bologna. The trains stop for

about 5 minutes on average, so Jeremy sprinted out of the train station to find the nearest ATM, got the money, and sprinted back. We grabbed our bags and, as the train rolled away, the conductor pulled Jeremy onto the train by his backpack as the doors were starting to close.

"This doomed trip next landed us in Basel, Switzerland, where Aaron and I had to wait in the freezing cold station from about 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. for our next train toward Belfort. After finally getting on our last train, the engine experienced problems and was swapped for a diesel engine after a delay. Upon arriving in Belfort, Aaron and I booked it back to the university just in time for our classes Monday morning," Bossard said.

The people who say that engineering students are tired all the time may be right, but their exhaustion is not always from studying too long.

Students Seek More Opportunities to Evangelize

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Contributing Writer

Many Cedarville students wonder whether this is the best place to be, a bunch of Christians lumped together, focused on our own growth, rather than reaching others. At times, there appears to be a strong separation between the training we are receiving as Christians and the ability to practice what we study here.

"The night before I left to come here I cried. Not because I was leaving for college, but because suddenly I was struck by the thought, 'Who will I witness to?'" said freshman Jennifer Skelton. Kirsten Rossotti questions the content of what she thinks about. "I wonder about devotional time that is the same thing over and over, the same verse and my same response to it," said Rossotti. "The Psalm 34-God-give-me-the-desires-of-my-heart, amen, close the Bible devotions versus studying to 'be able to give a reason for the hope that I have.' Should I be doing

more to learn other cultures and beliefs and the scriptural argument that responds to them?"

Freshman Aaron Sattler said, "My first weekend here I had questions about my purpose. It is hard to spread the gospel here. There is no one to challenge you through confrontation. I struggle with this, and I don't know all the answers."

Senior Doug Britton sees the department of Christian ministries as the answer to this question. "There are always people to minister to, be that Christians or non-Christians. There are different types of ministry. That's why we have the Christian ministries department so people can get involved by using their gifts. Most of the ministries were started by students," Britton said. Britton's roommate Kris Holtzclaw agreed that there are plenty of ministry opportunities for students. "I can understand the thinking that we need to do something to minister, or that there is nothing to do because our location is somewhat remote, or that we should leave

our studies for evangelism's sake, but Scripture also says 'study to show yourself approved.' Ministry is a mindset. Everything you buy, every time you spend money, everything you listen to. The best witness is good character."

Holtzclaw sees career training as a valid Christian activity. He said, "When you're the best at what you do, that is an automatic lure. Like Dr. Dixon was sharing about Tumbleweed restaurant. Cedarville students are hired because of our reputation. They get there and they work hard; they don't complain."

Sometimes blatant opportunities to share our faith will crop up in unlikely places. We have all been on the receiving end of target calls. Remember the cheerful University students calling every two weeks, "Do you have any questions about Cedarville?" Not many of us would have guessed that target calling would be an outreach ministry this year. When Jessica Mathias opened with her standard question, "What are you

looking for in a college?" she was not prepared for the response: "that it is not religious." Mathias does not know how the names that are on the list get there, but she praises the Lord for the opportunity to share with the high school senior and pray for her. "We talked a lot about the importance of knowing Christ and that there is no guarantee of tomorrow. That hit her hard because her dad had died about two years ago. She could relate to what I was saying but wasn't ready to accept Christ. Here is something amazing - she lives in my hometown. That is so God." Mathias hopes to meet up with the student over Thanksgiving break and attend church together.

Sometimes we think that ministry only takes place on Wednesday nights or Friday nights. Roddy Willis points out that this separation is faulty thinking. "There is too much dichotomy," said Willis. "If you feel sad because you have no one to witness to, pray and ask the Lord, 'What do you want to

do? Go to SuperValue? doot to door? classmates?' Ask the Lord. Ask for grace to discern what he's saying and for grace to obey. Without a doubt, he will make a way." Willis said, "If you don't talk to God by yourself, you're not going to talk about God to someone else. Start by talking to God a lot by yourself. When this becomes normal for you, start talking to God while you're talking to your friends about him. When this becomes normal, then start talking to unbelievers about him. The whole time you're still talking to God."

Willis' philosophy addresses major fears that an evangelism novice might have. Willis said that when you take this approach "your comfort area expands so much that those people get encompassed in the comfort you have with Christ. The Lord is making you so at home with him that your comfort is in him. Whatever that other person does you won't be rattled because you're not dependant on their reaction."

Young Explores Uniqueness of Messianic Jews

Amber Young
Contributing Writer

Chapel sessions with Hirsch Chizever and Dr. Arnold Fruchtenaum, brought the subject of Messianic Judaism to center stage last month. Messianic Judaism particularly holds value for the two dozen or so Completed Jews on campus, but it is of equal importance for those of us who, by grace, have been included in the promises made to the Jewish nation. Too often, Gentiles, who are adopted children of God, not children by birth, fail to recognize the rich family history of Judaism.

Becky Hart acknowledges that before this month she did not even know the term "Messianic Judaism." Hart said, "We don't talk about stuff outside of GARBC beliefs." She said, "We're never taught to relate." Mandy Herd has found that type of enrichment in her IBS class with David Lyden. Lyden, a completed Jew, is Associate Pastor of Southgate Baptist Church and teaches part time on the Bible faculty at Cedarville. Herd said that because Lyden "grew up going to synagogue you know that he knew what he

was talking about. It was his life." Lyden made class interesting by talking in a New York Jewish accent, but what most impressed Herd was his study of Old Testament language. "He had studied a lot of the Hebrew and therefore the history around it, so when we did our word studies it was very enlightening to have that background." Herd feels that Messianic Judaism "is very important because they have an inside view of the Old Testament. I admire the heritage and to think that in a small way we're a part of that is amazing."

Dr. Robert Chasnov, professor of engineering, was born of first generation American Jews. Chasnov said, "At college I pretty much met real Christians for the first time. . . The campus Bible study group discussed the Messiahship of Jesus Christ - that really got me interested. My motives for attending the group were not purely spiritual, there was a pretty girl attending the study. It was primarily through the influence of this pretty girl that I came to Christ. She was a young Christian and didn't know at the time that 'missionary dating' was the wrong thing to do, which was good for me because I was exposed to Christ.

The pretty girl later became my wife." Chasnov put his faith in "God and Jesus and the New Testament" two weeks before spring break. Before going home, he was baptized. Chasnov had not decided how to broach the subject of his new faith with his parents, and before he had an opportunity, his father raised the topic in conversation. "I had been in the house a half hour at best when my dad asked me, 'So what do you think about these Jews For Jesus people trying to get into the synagogue?' I replied, 'What's wrong with that?' My mother wanted to know where they went wrong that I would 'do that to them' - that they had 'lost me to the Gentiles.' What she didn't understand was that I hadn't been lost to the Gentiles. My Jewishness became complete."

"Completed" is an accurate description of what happens in the life of a Jew who accepts Jesus as Savior. Jewish symbols, holidays, and scriptures have whole instead of partial meaning. Deb Berruti, a sophomore transfer student, pointed out that wholeness is a common denominator among those who accept Jesus Christ. "This is the same for all believers," she said, "We

all are made complete in Christ." Berruti comes from a Messianic home. She said, "To convert from Judaism to Christianity doesn't mean to deny your heritage, it means to become complete. Sadly, many people today have the mindset that once a Jew becomes a Christian he must surrender his heritage, his identity and his way of life." Instead, Chasnov, Berruti, and others like them are finding a faith enriched in meaning. Passover, for example, finds its fulfillment in Christ. Just as the blood of a pure sacrifice made it possible for the life of the Israelites to be preserved when the Destroyer went from house to house in Egypt. Our houses (persons) have been spared the destruction of Satan, who is elsewhere in scriptures called the Destroyer. Because of the shed blood of Jesus, "the Lamb of God," we have been given everlasting life.

Even the matzoth of the Passover reflects Jesus Christ. Berruti said, "The matzoth itself is pierced and striped in order for it to bake properly." Isaiah 53 says that the Messiah would be "pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and with

his stripes we are healed." Berruti sees the afikomen and other parts of her Jewishness as "pictures of Christ."

"Having been raised as a Messianic Jew," Berruti said, "I have learned to appreciate the symbolism of Christ in Jewish holidays. Seeing him as the fulfillment of each of holiday is why I find them to be so important to observe."

"They serve as constant reminders of who Christ is and all he has done for us. . . I was in Israel for the first time this past March. For the first time in my life, the majority of the people I came in contact with were Jews. As I traveled through this land which was hand picked by God our father to be his chosen land, his chosen city, his chosen people, I was reminded time and again that I had not only been chosen to be of the seed of Abraham, but I have also been chosen to be an heir. By converting to Christianity, I did not turn my back on Judaism, I accepted the completion of my faith. My religion was transformed into a relationship. As a Christian, the practices of Judaism are not works of a strict observance of the Law, but a means to remember Christ."

Semester Conversion Provokes Student Reactions

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The semester conversion, announced last month, provoked many responses, both positive and negative, from Cedarville freshmen and sophomores.

Some students are looking forward to the conversion. Sophomore Deborah Berruti said, "I think it's a good idea. I don't mind it. At first I was concerned about getting my major requirements into four years, but I know that I'm not going to lose credits, and it will work."

However, a number of students chose Cedarville because of the quarter system and that works better with their summer plans. Freshman Christina Nofziger said, "I don't want to change to semesters. I partly chose Cedarville because it was on the quarter system, and this schedule really works for me."

Some students may be affected to a greater degree due to the nature of their summer job. Nofziger said, "I work at a camp during the summer, and I really like my ministry there, and I don't want to leave it early."

Freshman Danielle Yount said that she is "not concerned at all about the change" and is looking forward to it, as she will see her friends more over breaks.

Students are also concerned about traveling for their breaks on the semester system. Freshman Stephanie Taylor said, "My Christmas holiday will seem rushed because I'll be getting home so much later."

The shortened summer break of 2002 is also a major concern for students, as they will have less time to work, earning less money for the following school year. Freshman Kerry Sheldon worried that she would not have enough time to work during that summer. "I'll probably have to

take out more loans my junior year because I won't have as much time during the transition summer to work," said freshman Haven Adams.

However, once the conversion has taken place, breaks will be consistent with the majority of other colleges and universities, allowing Cedarville students to be more competitive for summer jobs and internships as they will begin their summer break at the same time rather than a month later.

Finally, class loads in the semester system are a major concern for students. Freshman Tasha Lawson said, "I didn't like it because I'll have to take more classes at once, so I feel I won't be able to pay as much individual attention to my classes." Another worry that follows having more classes is having more exams. Sheldon said, "I'm concerned about having exams that cover more informa-

tion over longer periods of time."

On the other hand, some students feel that having a longer session of a class will help them

learn more. "The longer periods of time in class will help me absorb information and help me to accomplish more," freshman Sarah Walworth said.

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Logan Speculates on Hillary's Political Goals

Sam Logan
Columnist

Welcome to Hillary's world. In an impressive victory over Republican candidate Rick Lazio, Hillary Rodham Clinton has become the only first lady to be elected a Senator.

The high-profile New York battle is only one of many fascinating aspects of the 2000 elections. For instance, Mel Carnahan of Missouri won a Senate seat *post mortem*, and a federal judge awarded the post to his widow. On a broader scale, the ambiguity of the presidential election has caused many to question whether the structure of our democratic system is reliable or even still relevant.

The significance of these events cannot be overstated. However, I imagine that many of us are tired of hearing about the electoral college, questionable ballots, and voter discrimination, so I will leave such top-



ics in the hands of the political pundits who, I am sure, can handle them more responsibly.

Rather, I would like to take this opportunity to comment on Hillary Rodham Clinton's politi-

cal aspirations. I propose that Hillary has one goal in mind—the presidency, and that her tenure in New York is simply a stepping-stone along her political journey.

In Republican circles, Hillary has often been the brunt of many jokes about her influence in America. Several years ago, you may have seen the bumper sticker: "Impeach Clinton - and her husband too." But at the root of every joke is a hint of truth, and I suspect that bumper stickers such as this one reveal a deep-seated fear of Hillary, a fear that she might have enjoyed living in the White House enough to try to get there again.

Regardless of what one thinks of her character, Hillary's political genius cannot be disregarded. Every political move is taken carefully with a certain goal in mind. Hillary knows that America may not yet be ready for a woman President because of the traditionalism that still informs much of our political ideology. Hillary understands that winning the presidency requires patience and incremental steps in much the same way eating an elephant does.

I thus predict that we will see Hillary as the Democratic vice-presidential candidate in the next twelve years. Her immediate task is to gain respect and experience in the Senate and to establish a reputation for moderation and bipartisanship. Only then will she be in a place to win the coveted middle - comprised of moderate Democrats and Republicans and Independents - which is so essential to any national campaign.

On a long-term scale, Hillary must seriously consider how she wishes to be defined. Perhaps one of the most interesting things about Hillary's recent campaign was her struggle to identify herself as her own person. Never did she refer to herself as a Clinton. In her acceptance speech, she referred to the President as "my husband," not even using his name. As she desired, the people of New York voted for Hillary, not for Hillary Clinton.

Lady Jacket Basketball Begins With Two Losses

Jack Bailey
Staff Writer

The Lady Jacket basketball team opened the 2000-2001 season last weekend with the annual Cedarville Invitational. This year's participants included Bethel College, Roberts Wesleyan, and Kentucky Christian College.

Cedarville's first game versus Kentucky Christian looked promising from the start, but Kentucky Christian rallied in the last two and a half minutes to defeat the Yellow Jackets 60-55.

"I expected us to be in the finals of our tournament [to] play a very good Bethel College team. The fact that it was Kentucky Christian's fifth game and our first game was a major factor [in the loss]," said Coach Kathy Freese.

Cedarville then met Roberts Wesleyan the next day of the tournament in the consolation game. Again, the game started well for the Lady Jackets, holding a 55-48 lead into the second



Freshman Julie Stauffer competes during the Cedarville Invitational. Photo by D. McCoy. Shortly after, the Raiders went on an 11-0 run and never looked back. Cedarville struggled with their shooting, only making 31 percent of their shots from the field, similar to their opening game. Bethel College, the NCCAA Division I

Champions of 2000, went on to win the tournament by defeating last year's NCCAA Division II Champions, Kentucky Christian, by a score of 81-38.

Despite the two early season losses, the Lady Jackets are optimistic about this season. "We

have the potential to be one of the best women's basketball teams CU has ever had, but we just need some time. In comparison to teams of the past, we are stronger, quicker, and have more depth. We have a great nucleus of experienced and talented returnees, and a very talented

freshman class," Freese said. "Our goals for the season are to finish a 20-plus game winner, go to NAIA Nationals or NCCAA Nationals, but most of all to honor the Lord Jesus Christ and share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many teams as possible."

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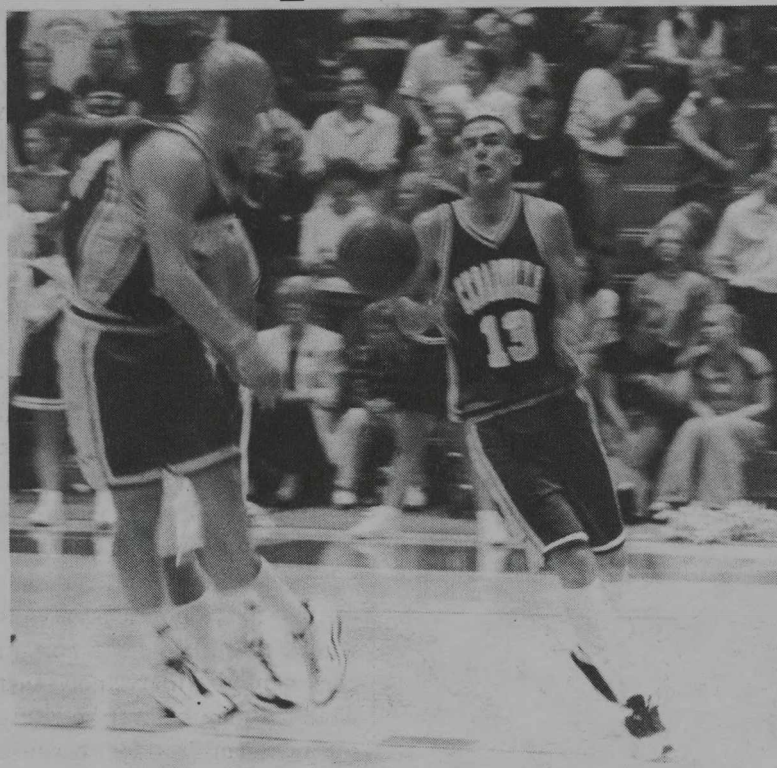
New Coach is Optimistic Despite Team's Youth

Lori Bunger

Contributing Writer

As the 2000-2001 season approaches for the men's basketball team, the team has high expectations. After last year's season with an 11-21 record, one thought comes to the minds of the young men on this year's squad: it is time for a new beginning.

Junior captain Curt Fleck is excited about the new season. Fleck played in all 32 contests last season and chipped in eight points per game. Fleck believes this year's team will be solid despite its youth and inexperience. "There are a lot of differences between last year's team and this year. We will be exciting to watch with coach's run and gun offense and pressure defense. I am ready to win and I think we can. It's always hard to tell exactly what will happen when you are dealing with youth. The quicker we can gel and pull it



Freshman Barry Chamberlin and the team are ready for the season. Photo by D. McCoy

together the more successful we will be." "Youth" is no understatement. Out of a roster of sixteen, only five players are returning from the previous season, and only

three of them won letters last season.

Joining Fleck is junior Dave Dingeman, who finished last year's season with nine points per game and played all 32

games as well. Rounding out the list of returning players are sophomores Joel Jackson, Justin Duncan, and Brandon Hoffman.

However, inexperience is not going to get in the way of the hopes of new coach, Ray Slagle. Slagle, one of the most successful Ohio high school coaches in the past decade and former coach at Christian Heritage College of California, is taking over the Yellow Jackets.

"I don't know how many games we'll win," Slagle said. "But I want them to get better with each game we play. I appreciate the consistency and work ethic of the guys on the team. There are so many new people and we've blended well. Freshman have done an excellent job of building friendships, and we will count on them to play a lot of minutes."

Slagle said, "With my inexperience, I felt there might be people that could help us, and I wanted to be sure. They've worked hard, so they deserve it."

Slagle is held in high regard by his new group of players. Fleck says, "He [Slagle] is awesome...we all love him. Apart from basketball he is a truly godly man and cares for us and the student body tremendously. I speak for all the guys on the team when I say we are very happy to play for him."

Leadership on the team goes beyond Slagle and the returning players and filters down into the group of new players. Slagle says that Greg Guiler and Hoffman are showing leadership ability as the season begins.

Fleck is ready to get things started and head into the competitive action. "We were picked 11 out of 12 teams in the AMC preseason coaches poll. But that is fine with us. No one will expect much out of us when they play us and we can sneak up on them. We have all the tools for a very successful season. My expectations are very high for this team and I think it will be a very exciting season."

Lady Runners Win NCCAA

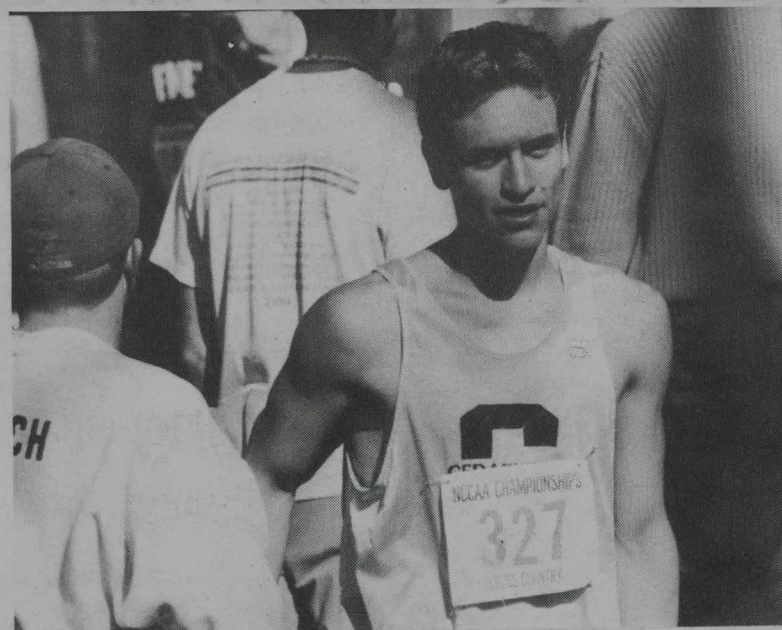
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This past weekend, the Lady Jackets cross country team tied for first place at the NCCAA championship at John Bryan State Park. This was the team's fourth NCCAA championship victory, and they shared the top spot with Spring Arbor College. The men's team ran an excellent race and placed second.

After the meet, Coach Elvin King said, "If there was one goal we had for this year it was to make it to the NAIA." King credited the team with sheer determination and said the championship was a goal they never lost sight of.

After a somewhat tough season last year, the team was determined to do their very best not only to honor God, but also former friend and teammate, Matt Hadler. Hadler was killed in a motorcycle accident early in last year's season, this had a profound effect on the team. This year, they ran their best since they knew that was what Hadler would have wanted of them.



Junior Sergio Reyes placed first for Cedarville at NCCAA Nationals. Photo by D. McCoy

King stated that each runner adds something to the team, whether it is being a spiritual leader or just encouraging a teammate to do better or keep up the good work.

There were two things that were instrumental in this year's success: the first was that most of last year's team was able to return and the second was Sergio Reyes. Reyes transferred to Cedarville because he wanted to study at a Christian institution.

Reyes said that this year's team is debatably Cedarville's best ever because of the team's hard work and perseverance.

Jennifer Roman, another runner on the cross-country team, said she appreciated the closeness of the team and how they work, play and pray together.

"Our cheer before we go out for a race is, 'Run for Him.' That is what we are there to do - to glorify God," Roman said, "We want others to see Christ in us."

Yellow Jacket Scoreboard

Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Results
11/04	at American Midwest Conference	2nd of 8 (Men) 1st of 10 (Women)

Men's Soccer

Date	Opponent	Results
11/07	at Indiana Wesleyan	Lost 1-2

Women's Soccer

Date	Opponent	Results
11/07	at Malone	Lost 0-2

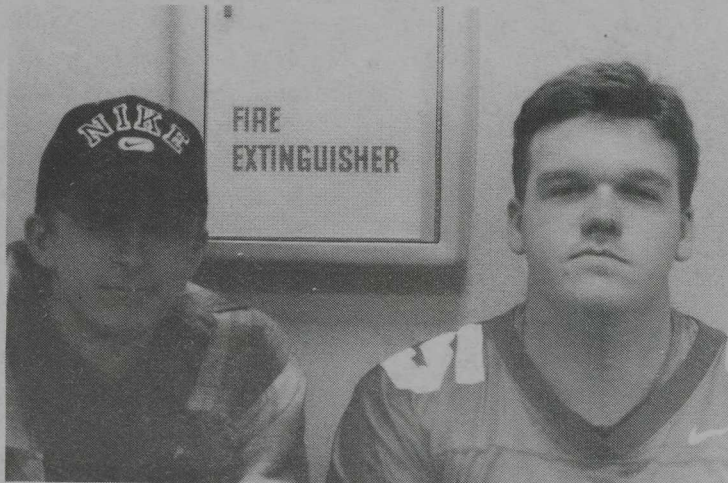
Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Results
11/02	OLIVET NAZARENE	Lost 1-3
11/02	MIDAMERICA NAZARENE	WON 3-1
11/03	CHRISTIAN HERITAGE	Lost 0-3
11/03	MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE	Lost 1-3
11/07	at Huntington	WON 3-1
11/10	OHIO DOMINICAN	WON 3-0
11/11	at Malone	WON 1-3

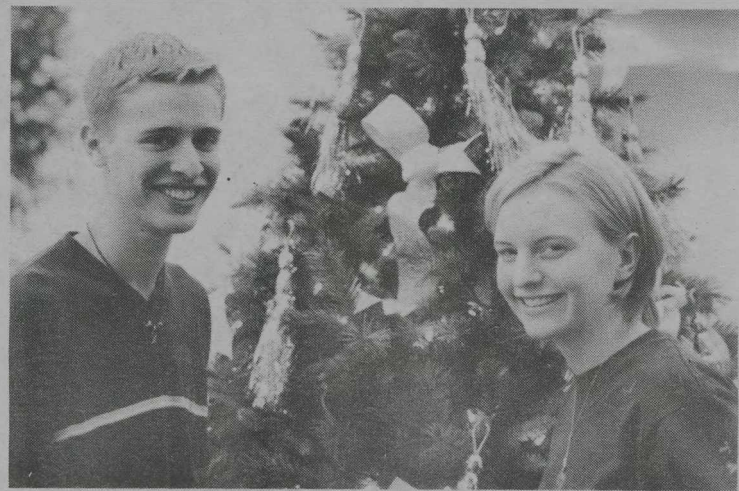
sidewalk talk

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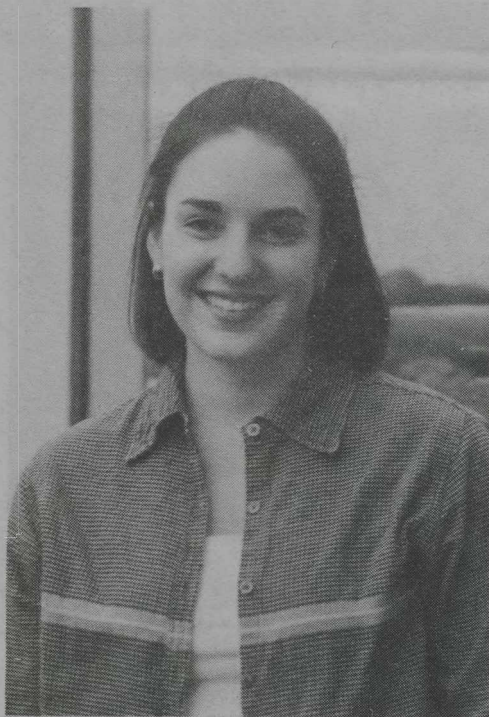
What is the question?



"Why don't you make me?"
Freshman Multimedia Technology major Sam Monroe
and Freshman Mechanical Engineering major Joel
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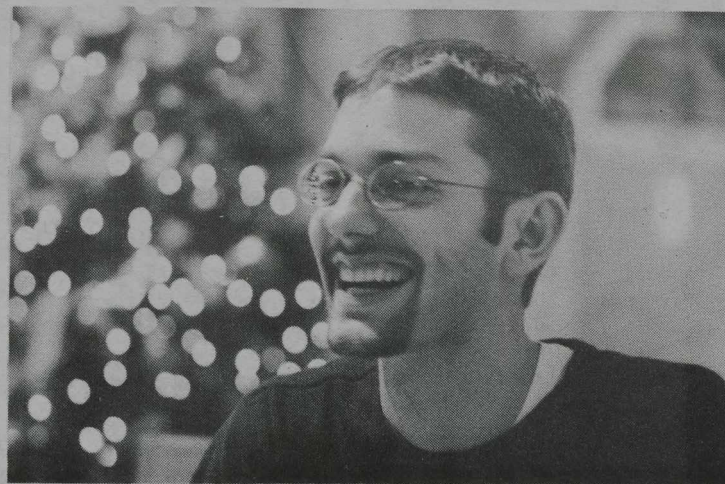
"Why are the trees up in November?"
Freshman Mechanical Engineering major Ben Lynch
and Freshman Biology/Pre-Med major Rachel Goldston



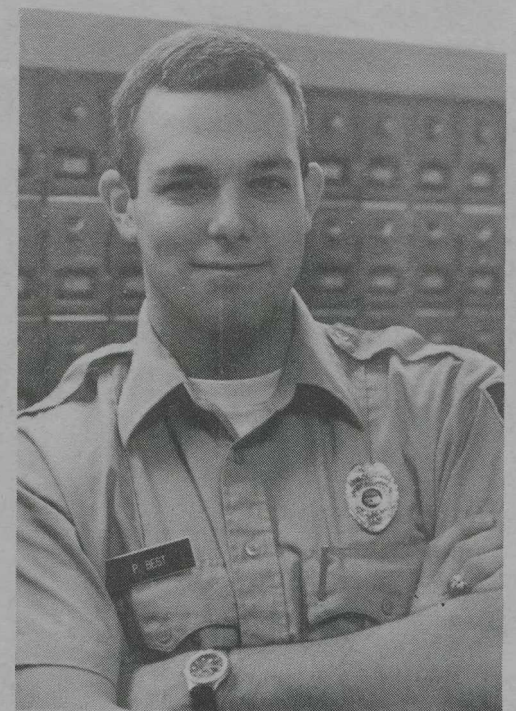
"Why don't I ever get invited to the President's
dining room?"
Freshman International Business major Teresa
Myers



"Do you think that we're twins? Why does Chuck's stop serving eggs at 8 a.m.?"
Senior Elementary Education major Tia Gyurik and Freshman Undeclared
major Alexandria Gyurik



"How long does it take to count a cotton pickin' ballot?"
Senior Political Science major Michael Ferrigno



"If you had to do one of the following, which would
you rather do: pretend to be a mime on the beach, or
sing your order at the Taco Bell drive through
window?"
Senior History major Paul Best